

# SHE'S GOT X FACTOR

X FACTOR'S Libby Walker is heading for stage stardom after landing a top ballet school place.

The 21-year-old, from South Shields, made it through to the final 24 of the TV singing contest as part of girl group Desire.

But after being rejected by Louis Walsh, she went back to her first love and has now landed a place at Northern Ballet School in Manchester.

Libby, who has won a £10,000 scholarship, had previously been offered a place at London's dance college Birds, where her 17-year-old pal Jordan McLeod is headed. But had to give it up to compete in the X Factor.

She said: "When Desire didn't get through to the live shows in X Factor, I was

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gutted. But I strongly believe in fate and going back to my passion for dance seemed the right thing to do. This is what I want to do, and X Factor made me realise that."

Libby and Jordan dance together on the Dance Intensive course at Imperiya 84, in Whitley Bay, where they are trained by former West End star Ilya Andreyev.

An open day is being held at Imperiya 84 on Friday, April 17 to showcase the course. Visit [www.imperiya84.co.uk](http://www.imperiya84.co.uk) for more information.



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